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that Natural Resources has selected LB 922 and (LB) 1209 as the committee priority bills for this session, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (See pages 344-47 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next we move to LB 33.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 33, introduced by Senator Vrtiska. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 33 is a very simple bill. It's a bill that would allow, and it's not mandatory, it's permissive for counties to use the register of deeds in the counties to maintain the printouts on the computer rather than in hard copy. I have some letters from some counties who have indicated their desire to do this because it would cut the cost. One county indicated it costs them at least \$100 a month to buy the supplies to provide the hard copies. Many of those that have been in courthouses have seen the stacks of books that are piled in the clerks and register of deeds offices that keeps these records. There is a committee amendment that was introduced. I think Senator Janssen has that amendment. Do you want to present that now? Is that agreeable?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, if you're done with your closing, the next item we would take up would be the introduction of the committee amendments.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, okay, I'm sorry. I...all I want to say is that I think this is an opportunity for some savings in county government and certainly to provide the material that's needed in the register of deeds office, and it's supported by the Association of County Officials, and a number of counties have indicated their desire to do this. As I indicated earlier, it's not mandatory, doesn't mean they have to do it; they can continue to do what they're doing, but it would give them the